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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS GARBA'S MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY AND  
ZAIRE FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. "NEW NIGERIAN" DECEMBER 20 REPORTS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER  
GARBA'S THURSDAY PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS. PAPER QUOTES GARBA  
AS TELLING SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING THEIR BILATERAL MEETING  
THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA HAD CHANGED THE  
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SITUATION DRAMATICALLY AND THAT AFRICA FELT "BADLY ABOUT THIS."

GARBA SAID HE HAD TOLD DR. KISSINGER THAT FMG DID NOT RPT NOT WANT ANGOLA USED AS A TOOL IN EAST/WEST CONFRONTATION.

2. GARBA, SAYS "NEW NIGERIA," TOLD SECRETARY THAT HE "...MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE (FMG) FELT THAT AMERICA HAS A GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AREA AND THAT HE (KISSINGER) MUST USE ALL THE INFLUENCE AT HIS DISPOSAL TO GET APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF ANGOLA." ASKED WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD REPLIED TO THIS, GARBA REPORTEDLY RESPONDED "NOTHING."

3. GARBA ALSO DISCUSSED HIS MEETING WITH ZAIRE FOREIGN MINISTER MANDUNGU BULA NYITI. GARBA SAID THE TWO HAD DISCUSSED WAYS LAGOS AND KINSHASA COULD RECONCILE THEIR VIEWS ON ANGOLA IN AN EFFORT FIND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. "WE BOTH AGREED THAT THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM IS AN AFRICAN ONE AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SOLVE IT SHOULD BE DONE. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND A COMMON GROUND FOR AGREEMENT AT THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE OAU."

4. PAPER ALSO REPORTS STATEMENT BY FMG COMMISSIONER INFORMATION BRIGADIER HARUNA WHO TOLD VISITING MPLA PRIME MINISTER NASCIMENTO YESTERDAY (REFTEL B) THAT NIGERIAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA IS IRREVOCABLE. PRESS ALSO REPORTS HARUNA AS TELLING MPLA OFFICIAL THAT NIGERIA WOULD OFFER ANGOLAN PEOPLE "MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT" TO ACHIEVE GOAL OF COMPLETE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INDEPENDENCE.  
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